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Message Cover Sheet

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RE: Downeast Concepts Inc. Recalls Water Bottles Due to Violation of Lead Paint Standard

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Please see the attached product recall issued by CPSC. The product (Backyard and Beyond Metal Water Bottles) is distributed by Downeast Concepts Inc., of Yarmouth, Maine. Surface paint on the metal water bottles contains excessive levels of lead, violating the federal lead paint standard. Lead is toxic if ingested by young children and can cause adverse health effects.

The recall involves Backyard and Beyond brand water bottles with model numbers 67402, 67404, 67442, 67444, 67742, 60442, 67744, 67746, 67748 and 60448 printed on the hang tag. The metal water bottles have a black plastic sip-top and were sold in green, pink or blue with assorted animal or insect graphics on the exterior.

The water bottles were sold at major retailers, gift shops, convenience stores, mass merchandise and drug stores nationwide from February 2006 through February 2008 for about \$8. They were manufactured in China.

Please see the recall notice for specific information for consumers and contact information for the company. You may also contact the CT Department of Public Health Lead Poisoning Prevention & Control Program at 860-509-7299.

NEWS from CPSC

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Firm's Recall Hotline: (800) 343-2424

CPSC Recall Hotline: (800) 638-2772

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Downeast Concepts Inc. Recalls Water Bottles Due to Violation of Lead Paint Standard

WASHINGTON, D.C. - The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission, in cooperation with the firm named below, today announced a voluntary recall of the following consumer product. Consumers should stop using recalled products immediately unless otherwise instructed.

Name of Product: Backyard and Beyond Metal Water Bottles

Units: About 18,000

Distributor: Downeast Concepts Inc., of Yarmouth, Maine

Hazard: Surface paint on the metal water bottles contains excessive levels of lead, violating the federal lead paint standard.

Incidents/Injuries: None reported.

Description: Backyard and Beyond brand water bottles with model numbers 67402, 67404, 67442, 67444, 67742, 60442, 67744, 67746, 67748 and 60448 printed on the hang tag. The metal water bottles have a black plastic sip-top and were sold in green, pink or blue with assorted animal or insect graphics on the exterior.

Sold at: Major retailers, gift shops, convenience stores, mass merchandise and drug stores nationwide from February 2006 through February 2008 for about \$8.

Manufactured in: China

Remedy: Consumers should immediately take the recalled water bottles away from children and return it to the store where purchased for a refund.

Consumer Contact: For additional information, contact Downeast Concepts at (800) 343-2424 between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. ET Monday through Friday, or visit the firm's Web site at www.backyard-beyond.com or e-mail the firm at productsafety@downeastconcepts.com

